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MIDLAND UNIVERSITY'S PARENT AND
FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

I hope this message finds you in good health. This letter is symbolic to me because it was a year ago that Midland University made the difficult decision to go online for the remainder of the semester. We sent students home and braced ourselves for the oncoming pandemic. To date, we know that all of our students and their families have been impacted, and we pray for them and you. We have learned so much over the past year. It has been amazing to witness the resilience of our students and we are grateful to have them here on our campus.



It is an understatement to say that this past year has been difficult. The world as we know it has changed and specifically in Student Affairs we have been tasked with becoming healthcare para-professionals. We have delivered meals to students in isolation, transported sick students for testing and taken COVID tests to the lab for processing. We have pulled together here at Midland to fight COVID while continuing to provide our students with a positive college experience. I am extremely proud to report that currently we have zero positive COVID cases on campus. We do not take that for granted and, as the vaccine becomes more readily available and we hopefully turn the corner, we will always remember those who we have lost.

This spring, we will continue the process of working our way toward *normal* here on campus. We have a number of events planned to engage our students and safely bring them back together. One such event is our annual Inclusion and Equity Summit. I am excited that on March 28, we will bring our students together with the Fremont community to celebrate inclusion. This year, we will have a wonderful guest speaker who is a former student athlete and current Harvard medical student. Angela Mercurio will share her story of successfully making important cultural, academic and athletic transitions in her life. We will also have our students participate in a small group activity where they will get to know other students and share their stories. The overall objective of our Summit is to provide an opportunity for our students, faculty and staff to come together in celebration of our differences and similarities. Our theme this year is “United as Warriors.”

I am incredibly grateful that the spring is coming into view here in Nebraska. The weather has been wonderful this past week and I have been happy to see our students outside studying, exercising and socializing. Spring is a time of renewal and a time to take in the blessings of nature. I continue to feel blessed that we have the chance to educate, engage and encourage your daughters and sons here at Midland University. Please take a minute to [watch a special video](#) we created to commemorate the one year anniversary of the pandemic here at Midland.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lawrence Chatters
Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer

WARRIOR HIGHLIGHTS

THE SCOOP

MIDLAND RECOGNIZES 834 SCHOLARS FOR FALL 2020 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The Fall 2020 Academic Awards list honored 834 students for their outstanding achievements. Scholars were honored through five awards (President's List, President's Achievement Award, Dean's List, Dean's Achievement Award, and Warrior Grit Academic Achievement Award) for the semester.

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President's List

- Term GPA of 4.0
- No incomplete grades 12+ credits on the A-F grade scale



President's Achievement Award

- Term GPA of 4.0
- No incomplete grades 6-11 credits on the A-F grade scale



Dean's List

- Term GPA of 3.50-3.99
- No incomplete grades 12+ credits on the A-F grade scale



Dean's Achievement Award

- Term GPA of 3.50-3.99
- No incomplete grades, and 6-11 credits on the A-F grade scale

Midland University is proud to honor these students for their outstanding work in the classroom as they strive to learn and lead in the world with purpose.

Warrior Grit

- Term GPA of 2.75+
- Awarded for perseverance and determination

CONGRATS, SCHOLARS!

FRESHMAN WRESTLER PINS 2ND PLACE AT FINALS

Midland University's Tyson Beauperthuy finished a stellar freshman campaign with a runner-up finish at 184-pounds at the NAIA Men's Wrestling National Championships on Saturday. The native of Colorado Springs, Colorado finished his first season as a Warrior with a 26-2 record.



WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL DOMINATES THEIR FIRST GAMES IN MU HISTORY



Warriors made program history on March 6 as they won their first games down in New Orleans, Louisiana.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION ON CAMPUS



2ND ANNUAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION SUMMIT

with speaker

**ANGELA
MERCURIO**



**Current Harvard
medical student**

**Former All-American track athlete
2019 NCAA Woman of the Year**

MARCH 28, 2021 | 4 PM | WIKERT EVENT CENTER

The 2nd annual Equity and Inclusion Summit will bring Midland University and the Fremont community together as we embrace and celebrate what makes each person unique. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to create inclusive spaces and develop ways they can incorporate inclusion into their everyday lives.

last year's stats

- Last year's Summit had about 500 participants, including 400 Midland students.

last year's survey results

- More than 80% of student survey respondents thought the event was beneficial,
- almost 90% said they felt Midland is an inclusive campus,
- and over 97% said they were open to accepting people despite their differences.

OTHER NOTABLE EQUITY & INCLUSION PROGRAMS



What Would Your Dream Be?

In observance of

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Isaac Jennings**

former D1 collegiate in track & field
athlete

former Midland graduate student &
Track GA

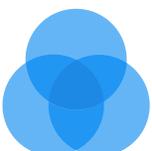
founding member of Midland's Black
Student Union

The Warrior Code Speaker Series featured:

Eric Duechle

2x combat veteran deployed to
Afghanistan and Iraq and 2x Major
League Rugby Champion

This is available to view online!



CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR STUDENT

SPECIAL DELIVERY

With only two more months of the semester, now is the perfect time to get a letter or package in the mail for your student!

care package

- Clothes for spring/summer
- Packing supplies move-outs (packing tape, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Sunglasses, sandals, sunscreen
- Lightweight outdoor games
- Gift cards for outdoor picnics

ADDRESS TO:

Is your student low on funds at the moment?

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direct them to the FOOD PANTRY

The Warrior Open Cupboard is located on the 3rd floor of the Olson Student Center.

We keep an assortment of shelf-stable foods, toiletry items, and seasonal clothing available. We also provide information about emergency funds and COVID relief funding available through Student Affairs.

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direct them to HANDSHAKE

Handshake works with top employers, including Fortune 500 companies, to recruit students and give them access to jobs and internships not available anywhere else.

Also featured are employment opportunities available at Midland!

JOB

OPPS

Information to come via email to your student

HOUSING RENEWAL FOR ON & OFF CAMPUS STUDENTS

Information was sent to students via email on Tuesday, March 16th. *All on and off campus students must complete the designated housing application.*

Students who do not complete the applications will be charged for housing and a meal plan for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. Housing Applications are due at 8am on Tuesday, March 23rd.

Those who complete the housing application will need to attend the house renewal event on April 14th from 4-7pm to pick and lock-in their spot.

Students can receive tours of the Residence Halls during the Parade of Halls on Thursday, March 18th.

To honor any roommate requests, all forms by all roommates must be turned in and mutual!

WARRIOR SKILLS SPOTLIGHT

Warrior Skills aims to help students grow in four core areas: personal enhancement, social responsibility, leadership, and career development. Warrior Skills hosts a variety of workshops throughout the academic year that help to can guide students through anything from time management to handling stress.

meet the

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT, WARRIOR SKILLS

Sidney Hirsch

about the program, Sidney says..

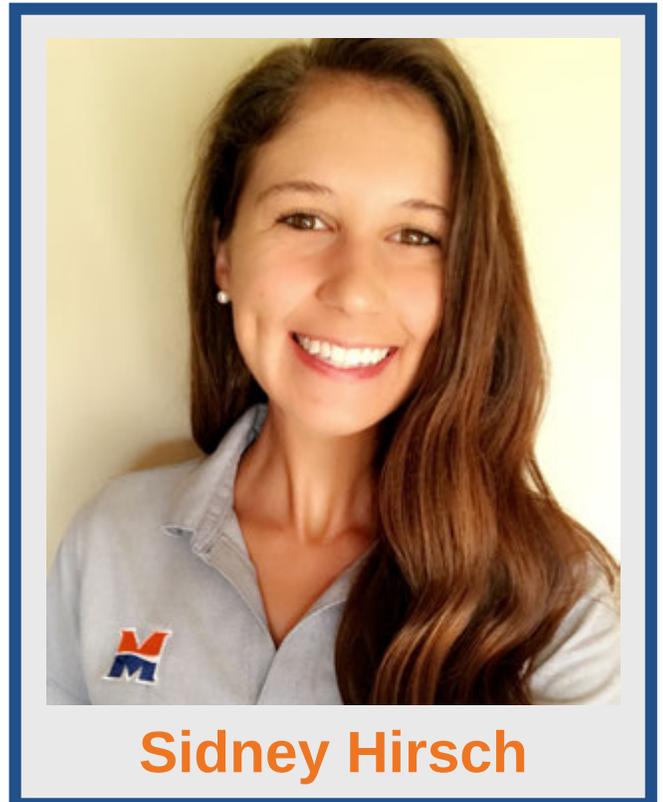
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We want to get to the point where freshmen are getting personal enhancement skills, sophomores are doing more social responsibility workshops, juniors are doing leadership workshops and seniors are doing career development.

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The program encourages healthy competition amongst its participants. Students earn points for participating in any Warrior Skills workshop or event. This could be a team workshop, a Warrior Skills workshop, an ImpactU workshop, a guest speaker event, the Equity and Inclusion Summit, etc.

Non-athletes are invited to participate in all workshops and events. Performing Arts has also held Warrior Skills workshops before for the whole department!



If you have any questions about the topics discussed in this newsletter, or would like to remove your name from our email list, please email us at studentaffairs@midlandu.edu.